

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
Planning and Development Services Department
MEMORANDUM

TO: PDSD Associates

FROM: Roderick Sanchez, Director and Building Official

DATE: July 12, 2010

INTERPRETATION NUMBER: CI2010-013

TITLE: Security Grilles in Group E Occupancies

CODE EDITION: 2009 *International Building Code* (IBC) as amended by COSA

SECTION: IBC Section 1008.1.4.5 Security grilles.

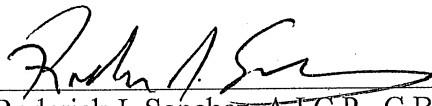
QUESTION 1: Is it permissible to provide security grilles in group E occupancies if the grilles meet the general requirements of Section 1008.1.4.4 for access-controlled egress doors?

ANSWER 1: Yes. Approved security grilles may be installed in group E occupancies, other than daycares, if specific requirements are met as per IBC 1008.1.4.4 and as prescribed here.

QUESTION 2: What are the specific requirements?

ANSWER 2: The specific requirements for these approved security grilles are as follows;

- All items of the criteria under IBC Section 1008.1.4.4 shall be required as specified except for item one in that a sensor is not required on the egress side of the grille to detect an occupant approaching and automatically unlock the grille.
- Additionally, automatic smoke detection will be required to be installed within thirty (30) feet of the security grille.
- The security grille used shall be required to have a current ICC-ES report.


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